

I read in horror that the FCC plans to allow the type of media consolidation that can and will hurt our democracy by effectively squashing independent media outlets. One of our countries founding principles is that of a free, unfettered press. If the public is forced to obtain their news and information from an ever-decreasing number of independent media outlets, we will all be the poorer as our democracy suffers. Please do not allow this frightening scenario to occur by loosening or repealing existing rules on media ownership. A radical political agenda based on an extremist ideology of free market liberalization has no place in this decision process. What does and should have a place is the furtherance of our democratic ideals based on a free press and competition, not consolidation. When the means and content of information dissemination to the American public are controlled by a few media giants, our society will begin to move down an ever-descending spiral to a defacto police state. We cannot and will not allow this to happen. Thank you.